Allotment of land to non-Resident Indians

3715. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had earlier proposed to give land to the non-resident Indians to build houses in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than 300 NRIs had deposited a sum of Rs. 10,000 each in foreign exchange for this purpose;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have gone back on their promise to allot land to the NRIs against foreign exchange; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to reconsider their decision and allot land to the NRIs against foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d) The scheme had to be dropped in public interest as it was felt that it would not have been equitable to allot land at Rs. 200 per sq. yard to non-resident Indians who are among affluent sections of the people, especially in the context of the policy of the Government to auction residential plots of more than 200 sq. yds to private persons so that maximum returns may be obtained in the sale of such plots There is no proposal to reconsider the decision of the Government in this regard.

Further drought relief demanded by the States

3716. SHRI R SAMBASIVA RAO:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of URBAN DE- be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tnat some State Governments are not spending drought relief assistance provided by the Centre properly;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some State Governments are not submitting the utilisation certificates to the Central Government before seeking, further assistance for drought relief; and

(c) if so, which are those States and what steps Government are taking to see that assistance provided by Government for specific purposes is spent on those purposes alone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Some deviations from the guidelines|norms prescribed by the Government of India for the application of Central assistance have been noted in the execution of drought relief measures by states.

(b) The Central assistance to the States for relief of natural calamities is being released in the light of item-wise utilisation|expenditure reported by the State Governments against the approved ceilings. Expenditure incurred on any item over and above the ceilings approved, is required to be met by the State Governments' own resources. As such, the State Governments are bound to spend the assistance on the items for which ceilings have been approved. Further, as per the existing procedure, final reconciliation of these accounts is done only after the receipt of the audited

figures in this regard from the Accountant Generals.

(c) In view of reply to part (b) above, this issue does not arise

Import of vegetable oils

3717. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of vegetable oils imported in the country and by which agencies whether gifts or commercial during last three years;

(b) the manner in which this was distributed, year-wise and State-wise and at what prices and to whom;

(c) whether it is a fact that releases of gifts was not done through PDS and the State agencies and if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether gifted oil was largely released in oil producing States in order to depress the local prices; and

(e) whether Government are aware that this has resulted in depressing production as happened earlier in the cases of gift wheat and milk products?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The quantity of edible oils imported by the State Trading Corporation during the last three years is as under:—

Oil Year (Nov.—Oct.)	Quantity (Lakh/MT)
1984-85	13 68
1985-86	11.79
1986-87	14.97 (Prov)

Under the National Dairy Development Board's (NDDB) project for "Restructuring Edible Oil and Oilseeds Production and Marketing", NDDB have received 1,56,965 MTs. of crude rapeseed oil from Canada and 1,47,780 MTs. of refined soyabean oil from USA.

(b) The edible oil imported by the STC was allocated to the States/ Union Territories for distrubtion to the consumers under Public Distribution System. Statement indicating year-wise/State-wise allocation of imported edible oils during the last three oil years is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) The gifted oil was released mainly in oil producing States at prevailing market price. This has helped in sustaining the market price.

(e) It is not correct to say that the receipt of gift oil has resuled in depression in production.

Statement

Allocation of imported edible oils to the States/Union Territories year-wise and State-wise for the last three oil years (Bulk and small packs)

S.No.	Name of the States/UTs.	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,06,300	1,02,500	1,08,830
2.	Assam	8,200	2,400	3,800
3.	Bihar	17,600	6,550	12,500
4.	Gujarat	64,500	1,24,300	1,44,340
5.	Haryana	14,610	8,855	13,700